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Calendar of Events

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AOA/AOCD Annual Meeting
October 7-11, 1996
Las Vegas, NV

Mid-Year Meetings:

1997: Jackson Hole, WY
February, 12-16

1998: Williamsburg, VA
March 31, April 1-4

1999: Snow Mass, CO
February - Tentative

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have just returned from the Mid-Year Meeting in Myrtle Beach. It was good to see everyone who attended. Dr. Craig Ziering, Dr. Lynn Sikorsky, Becky and Rita are to be congratulated on a job well-done. Dr. Ziering organized an excellent academic program and while he and his wife were delivering Craig Matthew, Dr. Sikorsky ran the meeting well.

Our next two meetings are the Annual Meeting in Las Vegas with Dr. Ed Yob as Program Chair, October 7-11 and the Mid-Year in Jackson Hole, February 12-16, 1997. Dr. Yob is well into preparation and it looks like a great meeting.

There are several new members on the Executive Committee this year who have added a fresh spark of energy to the group. The recent meeting was spirited and covered both old and new business. I am pleased to report on several of the key issues that were discussed at the meeting as follows:

Dermatology Subspecialties

In that we are all very appreciative with the availability of a MOHS examination, no applications were submitted this year for the exam. Dr. Hughes has reported that the Dermatopathology exam should be available within a year to certify the first group - which will form the credentialing committee. It is interesting to note that the number of residents seems to have stabilized at 40 per year, indicating neither growth nor decline.

Meetings

Dr. Yob will be reviewing how different meeting formats impact attendance numbers and will present his findings at the Annual meeting. Concurrently, the committee is evaluating the formation of an ad hoc committee to examine tailoring the focus of the Mid-Year (dermatologists only) vis-a-vis the Annual Meeting (other physician specialties). Improvement in verifying attendance is necessary. Resident attendance at lectures

will be tracked and provided to respective trainers for their records.

Education

There is a concern about the potential of a decrease in the number of programs and funding. All preceptorships are scheduled to be completed by the end of October, which is a hallmark achievement for our college. The OPTI document from the AOA will determine the future of the training programs.

Newsletter

Suggested improvements to expand the newsletter ranged from doubling its current size to 8 pages to provide space for more meaningful articles, to the addition of an assistant editor. Editorial content recommendations include the submission of "great cases" from the training programs, articles to be contributed from the membership, the establishment of columns for the residents, derm pearls, members in the news, etc. Other areas discussed were combining the public relations and editorial committee to enhance their effectiveness.

Next Steps

Looking forward, many valuable issues were investigated and are to be implemented:

- "Growing" the new leaders, creating fresh, potent and visible image
- Monitor the training programs and evaluate our needs
- Define and develop the charter of the Managed Care Committee
- Establish a legal fund to counter discrimination against osteopathic training.

See you all in Las Vegas!

Warmest regards

Matt L. Leavitt, D.O.

1996-97 Dues Payment Announcement

The 1996-97 dues billing will be in the mail soon. Please remit your dues by the July 1, 1996 deadline. Completing the update form will ensure that the AOCD database is accurate when publishing the directory.

WELCOME ABOARD

Several residents have begun or will soon begin their residency programs in 1996. We would like to welcome them, encourage them to become members and actively participate in the AOCD.

*Colene M. Calo, D.O. • Tanya Ermolovich, D.O.
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1996 Mid-Year Conference

Another successful mid-year conference was held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. We wish to say a special "Thank You" to our corporate supporters. Program attendees had several opportunities to visit with the exhibitors during the conference.



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KOPRINCE AWARD WINNERS Mid-Year Conference - 1996

Three dermatology residents were selected for the Daniel Koprince Award for their presentations at the 1996 Mid-Year Meeting held in Myrtle Beach, SC, April 11-13, 1996.

The winners are:

DR. COYLE CONNOLLY

"Therapeutic Quandaries in African-American Dermatology"

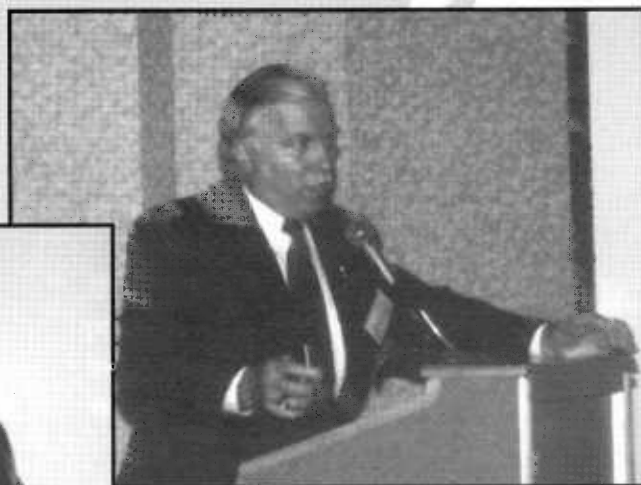
DR. DAVID GRICE

"Diagnosis and Treatment of Dermatologic Manifestations in HIV"

DR. MARY BETH LUCA

"Bullous Diseases: An Overview"

THE 1996 MID-YEAR MEETING AT MYRTLE BEACH, SC



GUEST SPEAKERS:

- Bruce Theirs, M.D.**
- David Pariser, M.D.**
- Arnold Schroeter, M.D.**
- Norman Gitlin, M.D.**
- Richard Scher, M.D.**
- Don Greer, M.D.**
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AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE OF DERMATOLOGY ANNUAL MEETING

Held in Conjunction with the AOA

**LAS VEGAS HILTON
CONVENTION CENTER**

October 7-11, 1996 • Monday - Friday

Plan to attend. Program information & registration materials will be mailed later this summer.

CME REMINDER

The 1995-97 AOA CME cycle has reached its mid-way point. According to AOA standards, "Physicians who are board certified or board eligible must earn a minimum of 50 credit hours or more as may be mandated by the board of their primary specialty in each 3-year CME period. These hours may be earned in Category 1 or Category 2. Failure to maintain this requirement will result in loss of certification or board eligibility."

If you have not yet fulfilled your 3-year requirement or do not have any CME hours recorded at this time, you should begin planning to attend AOA approved dermatology CME programs. The AOCD annual and midyear meetings are the source of these credits. The schedule for these is shown on the front of this newsletter.

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